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The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. PERONE of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO COMMERCE-RELATED STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 32-41ll of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (f) Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, shall serve as
5 administrator of the Regenerative Medicine Research Fund and shall,
6 in consultation with the Regenerative Medicine Research Advisory
7 Committee: (1) Develop the application for the grants-in-aid
8 authorized under subsection (b) of section 32-41kk; (2) review such
9 applications; (3) review recommendations of the Regenerative
10 Medicine Research [Advisory] Peer Review Committee, established
11 pursuant to section 32-41mm; (4) prepare and execute any assistance
12 agreements or other agreements in connection with the awarding of
13 such grants-in-aid; (5) develop performance metrics and systems to
14 collect data from recipients of such grants-in-aid; (6) collect

15 information from such recipients concerning each recipient's
16 employment statistics, business accomplishments and performance
17 outcomes, peer review articles and papers published, partnerships and
18 collaborations with other entities, licenses, patents and invention
19 disclosures, scientific progress as it relates to the commercialization of
20 intellectual property funded by such grants-in-aid, efforts to
21 commercialize such intellectual property, and other funds received for
22 research; and (7) performing such other administrative duties as the
23 Regenerative Medicine Research Advisory Committee deems
24 necessary.

25 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 32-70 of the general statutes is
26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
27 *passage*):

28 (c) (1) On or before September 30, 1993, the Commissioner of
29 Economic and Community Development shall approve the
30 designation of ten areas as enterprise zones, not more than four of
31 which shall be in municipalities with a population greater than eighty
32 thousand and not more than six of which shall be in municipalities
33 with a population of less than eighty thousand.

34 (2) (A) On or after October 1, 1993, the commissioner shall approve
35 the designation of two areas as enterprise zones. Each such area shall
36 be in a municipality with a population of less than eighty thousand, in
37 which there are one or more base or plant closures. Such municipalities
38 shall be in different counties. If the commissioner approves the
39 designation of an area of a municipality as an enterprise zone because
40 of a plant closure in the municipality and there is a closure of another
41 plant in any other municipality in the state by the same business, the
42 commissioner shall also designate an area in such other municipality
43 as an enterprise zone. If any such designated area includes a portion of
44 a census tract in which any such base or plant is located, the census
45 tracts in such area shall not be required to meet the eligibility criteria
46 set forth under subsection (a) of this section for enterprise zone
47 designation. If any such area is located elsewhere in the municipality,

48 the census tracts in such area shall meet such eligibility criteria. As
49 used in this subparagraph, (i) "base" means any United States or state
50 of Connecticut military base or facility located in whole or in part
51 within the state; (ii) "plant" means any manufacturing business or
52 economic base business, as defined in [subsection (l) of] section 32-222;
53 and (iii) "closure" means any reduction or transfer in military
54 personnel or civilian employment at one or more bases or plants in a
55 municipality, which occurred between July 1, 1989, and July 1, 1993, or
56 is scheduled to occur between July 1, 1993, and July 1, 1996, and
57 exceeds two thousand persons. Such employment figures shall be
58 certified by the Labor Department. (B) On or after October 1, 1993, the
59 commissioner shall approve the designation of three other areas as
60 enterprise zones, one of which shall be in a municipality with a
61 population greater than eighty thousand and two of which shall be in
62 municipalities with a population of less than eighty thousand. The
63 census tracts in such areas shall meet the eligibility criteria set forth
64 under subsection (a) of this section for enterprise zone designation.
65 The commissioner shall approve the designation of enterprise zones
66 under this subparagraph for those municipalities which he or she
67 determines to have experienced the largest increases in poverty from
68 October 1, 1989, to October 1, 1993, inclusive, based on a weighted
69 average of the unemployment rate, caseload under the temporary
70 family assistance program and per capita income of less than ninety
71 per cent of the state average between 1985 and 1989. In making his
72 determination, the commissioner may also consider the vacancy rates
73 for commercial and industrial facilities in a municipality and a
74 municipality's program for the implementation of an effective
75 enterprise zone program. To the extent appropriate, the commissioner
76 shall use the Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) system in making
77 the calculations for such determination. (C) Notwithstanding the
78 provisions of subsection (a) of this section, municipalities that were not
79 distressed municipalities under the provisions of subsection (b) of
80 section 32-9p on February 1, 1986, shall be eligible to designate areas as
81 enterprise zones under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision.

82 (3) On or after July 1, 2014, the commissioner shall approve the

83 designation of two areas as enterprise zones as follows: (A) One area
84 shall be in a municipality with a population of not more than fifty
85 thousand, as enumerated in the 2010 federal decennial census, and in
86 which is located a United States Postal Service processing center that at
87 any point in time employed one thousand or more persons, except that
88 such area shall only be designated as an enterprise zone for a term of
89 five years from the date any portion of the area is transferred,
90 provided such transfer occurs on or after July 1, 2014, and (B) one area
91 shall be in a municipality with a population of not less than seven
92 thousand eight hundred and not more than seven thousand nine
93 hundred, as enumerated in the 2010 federal decennial census, and
94 having a total area of not more than 12.2 square miles. Each such
95 enterprise zone area shall consist of two contiguous United States
96 census tracts, contiguous portions of such census tracts or all or a
97 portion of an individual census tract, as determined in accordance with
98 the most recent federal decennial census and, if such area is covered by
99 zoning, a portion of such area shall be zoned to allow commercial or
100 industrial activity. The census tracts in each such enterprise zone area
101 shall not be required to meet the eligibility criteria set forth in
102 subsection (a) of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of
103 subsection (a) of this section, municipalities that were not distressed
104 municipalities under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 32-9p
105 on February 1, 1986, shall be eligible to designate areas as enterprise
106 zones under this subdivision.

107 (4) The commissioner shall not approve the designation of more
108 than one enterprise zone in any municipality. The commissioner shall
109 adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 concerning such
110 additional qualifications for an area to become an enterprise zone as he
111 or she deems necessary. The commissioner may remove the
112 designation of any area he or she has approved as an enterprise zone if
113 such area no longer meets the criteria for designation as such an area
114 set forth in this section or in regulations adopted pursuant to this
115 section, provided no such designation shall be removed less than ten
116 years from the original date of approval of such zone. The
117 commissioner may designate any additional area as an enterprise zone

118 if that area is designated as an enterprise zone, empowerment zone or
119 enterprise community pursuant to any federal legislation.

120 Sec. 3. Section 32-8c of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective from*
121 *passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	32-411l(f)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	32-70(c)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

CE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill makes clarifying changes that result in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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COMMERCE-RELATED STATUTES.***

SUMMARY:

This bill makes technical changes in the economic development statutes, correcting references and eliminating an inoperative program.

Effective Date: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/19/2015)